

b. HMLP: Home Modification Loan Program. John O'Leary from PVPC attended the meeting to present the program to the group. This is a loan program that looks for town residents that own homes and need to make

administrative funds are left. The grant will close out soon. III. FY17 Final funds are going to the Hardwick Senior Outreach Program. Some Street was necessary and the best use of Town funds.

the police detail, there was discussion regarding if this specific police detail on Spring the project over budget. The CDA members present agreed that the CDA could fund \$40,000 of miscellaneous income funds. CDA could cover this police detail that has put detail around \$12,000-\$13,000. The PCD department can confirm that there is at least streets, but not the entire project. Estimated bills so far have a projected cost for the short and quiet street. It was assumed that police detail would be needed at the cross every day, per the Police Chief. This was not included in the bid price, because it is a FY18 Spring Street construction has started. A police detail will be required I. FY19 Waiting on word from the State.

a. CBDG. Updates -

Approval of Minutes – Motion by J. Carroll and seconded by D. Souza to approve the meeting minutes of 6/17/19 as submitted. Vote 3 - 0

Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman P. Opalinski opened the meeting at 6:35 PM and led the Pledge.

Guests: Rebekah DeCourcy (Director of Planning & Community Development), John O'Leary (PVPC),

Members Absent: Brenda Cooper

Members Present: Paul Opalinski, John Carroll, Danielle Souza

Meeting held at Town Hall, Select Board Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA

Minutes from July 15, 2019  
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Approved Minutes on \_\_\_\_\_  
 Paul Opalinski \_\_\_\_\_  
 John Carroll \_\_\_\_\_  
 Danielle Souza \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Meeting: August 26, 2019**

- e. Septic Loan Program. Due to a recent pay off of a septic loan, the Town now has roughly \$18,000 in the septic loan account. This amount is not enough for an entire septic system, but is perfect for smaller projects. This might include failure of pieces of a septic design, but also would include sewer connections between the street and a residence. The PCD department will spread the word to appropriate parties (DPW, Board of Health) so they are aware of the funds and hopefully we can assist some homeowners with emergency repairs as needed.
  - 3. Other – Discussion of August meeting date. There is an opening on the Committee and interested parties should submit a letter of interest to Stuart Beckley, Town Manager.
  - 4. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by J. Carroll at 7:36pm and second by D. Souza. All in favor.
- their home more accessible. Loans range from \$1,000 to \$50,000. Assistance can be for physical or cognitive disabilities – such as a ramp on a home or creating a sensory room. No payments are required and no interest is earned. The loan is released when the homeowner sells the home (it is added into the price of the sale). Applicants must provide documentation of need from a doctor. Landlords can also use this program for a tenant, with a 3% interest rate. The goal of this program is to provide funding assistance to keep disabled or elderly family members in their own homes and communities. The program is administered by PVPC, and the PCD department was given applications and brochures. Brochures were also dropped off at the Senior Center and throughout Town Hall.
- c. Review Financial Accounts - Discussed earlier with the funds available for Spring Street.
  - d. First Time Homebuyers Program. D. Souza reported that the program is ready to go, the word just needs to get out. The grants available are in a total of \$2,500 per household for a first time homebuyer meeting specific criteria. Buy Ware Now will review the applications and CDA will distribute the money.